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1. The following personnel are assigned to the staff of the VAIN, Vrojtja Aerore Informata Nderlidhjes, (Air Observation-Information-Communications) Headquarters stationed at the Tirana airfield:
- a. BECET AKO, 2d Lieutenant, from Elbasan, commanding officer of all VAIN units;
 - b. Shyori Lizis, 2d Lieutenant, from Kavaje, a former artillery officer is the political commissar;
 - c. Ramazan Markos, from Sigiak, in charge of supplies;
 - d. Theodoros Liolios, from Durres, treasurer, (finance officer?);
 - e. Sulio Khafo, from Tirana, youth officer;
 - f. Demir Koris, from Korce, reserve non-commissioned officer;
 - g. Deviet Dulios, reserve non-commissioned officer;
 - h. Hysni Busi, reserve non-commissioned officer;
 - i. Jani Kalegias, from Gjinokaster, an enlisted man;
 - j. Foto Kiriazotos, from Sarande, an enlisted man;
 - k. Rakit Kaziu, from Kavaje, an enlisted man;
 - l. Mustafa Khafer, from Sarande, an enlisted man; and
 - m. Filip Kocis, from Sarande, an enlisted man.

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2. The operating branch of VAIN stationed at the Tirana airfield has the following assigned personnel:
 - a. OSMAN KALIO, 2d Lieutenant, from Dibres, commanding officer of the Tirana branch of VAIN and communications officer;
 - b. Vebi Ismail, from Shkoder, a non-commissioned officer, radio operator;
 - c. Kutim Skeder, Corporal, from Vlone, radio operator;¹
 - d. Vasili Papajani, from Korce, telephone switchboard operator;
 - e. Ili Konomi, from Korce, telephone switchboard operator;
 - f. Pasuk Gjakaj, from Shkoder, telephone switchboard operator;
 - g. Xhafik Miftaris, from Tirana, observer; and
 - h. Andoni Hrispanias, from Tirana, observer.¹
3. A radio telephone is located in the communications room of the Tirana airfield and is used by three unidentified enlisted men (observers?) and two unidentified second lieutenants.
4. Two duty officers are on duty 24 hours each day at the guardhouse.
5. When an unidentified aircraft is spotted by any of the branches of VAIN, central headquarters in Tirana is immediately contacted by telephone. The airfield duty officer has been given the authority by Army General Headquarters to order planes to take off and investigate the unidentified aircraft.

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1. Comments: there are three non-commissioned officers assigned as radio operators and three observers stationed at the Tirana airfield; however, was not able to identify the third radio operator or the third observer.

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